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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

1. IN CONNECTION WITH OUR OBSERVANCE OF THE BICENTENNIAL, THE EMBASSY IS PARTICIPATING IN THE EFFORTS OF THE NEWLY FORMED BAHAMIAN-AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION. THE FIRST PROJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF A BICENTENNIAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WHICH WILL BRING BAHAMIANS TOGETHER WITH AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS WHO PLAN TO TRAVEL TO THE BAHAMAS IN OCTOBER UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION.

2. THE FIVE DAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WILL CONSIST OF LECTURES, HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS AND OTHER EVENTS, PERFORMING ARTS AND EXHIBITS. AS PART OF THE REVOLUTIONARY EXHIBIT BEING PLANNED LOCALLY, THE BAHAMIAN AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN A PHOTOGRAPH OR DRAWING OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICAN FLEET IN THE BAHAMAS IN 1776. THE FLEET, COMMANDED BY COMMODORE ESEK HOPKINS, CONSISTED OF SIX VESSELS: ALFRED AND COLUMBUS (SHIPS), CABOT AND ANDREW DORIA (BRIGANTINES), WASP (SCHOONER) AND PROVIDENCE (SLOOP).

3. WE WONDER IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY TO SEE IF SUCH A PHOTO OR DRAWING IS AVAILABLE FROM THEIR ARCHIVES. ONE CONTACT MIGHT BE REAR ADMIRAL F. KENT LOOMIS (RETIRED), WHO AT ONE TIME WAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NAVAL HISTORY,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

4. THANKS FOR WHATEVER YOU CAN DO.
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